State Governments concerned, strengthening of the local Police and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernization of State Police Forces, provision of financial assistance through the Scheme of Security Related Expenditure, sharing of Intelligence and bringing about inter-State coordination.

State Governments share intelligence and conduct need-based inter-State joint police operations against naxalites. Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs) have also been brought into effect for coordinated inter-State action. At the Central level, a Task Force under Special Secretary (Internal Security), consisting of officers of Intelligence agencies, Central Para Military Forces and concerned State Police Forces, has also been set up to bring about coordination between authorities of different States as may be necessary.

Bomb blasts in the country

1745. SHRI O.T. LEPCHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of bomb blast incidents occurred in different parts of the country during the current year 2007;

(b) the details of loss of life and property caused by bomb blasts in the country during the last six months; and

(c) the details of the compensation/*ex-gratia* payments made by Government as well as the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Upto July 31, 2007 there had been 205 bomb blasts incidents mainly in Jammu and Kashmir, North-Eastern States and Naxal affected States, in which a total of 195 security forces and civilians lost their lives. The figures in terms of financial losses due to bomb blasts in the country are not centrally maintained.

(c) The State Government generally announce and pay compensation/ex-gratia amounts to the victims of terrorist activities. Details of compensation/ex-gratia paid by various State Governments to victims of each such incident are not centrally maintained. The Central Government, however, reimburses to the State of Jammu and Kashmir, North-Eastern States and naxal affected States towards the expenditure incurred by them for this purpose. In the case of such incidents in Railways, the Ministry of Railways makes *ex-gratia* payments apart from the claims as decided by the Railways Claim Tribunal.

Violence against non-Assamese people in Assam

†1746. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the terrorist organizations in Assam have made it their aim to kill non-Assamese people;

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(b) if not, the facts in this regard and the number of such incidents that took place during the years, 2006 and 2007;

(c) whether Government have issued any instructions to the State Government in view of above incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) According to available information, during the year, 2006, 26 Hindi speaking persons were killed in three major incidents of terrorists violence. In the current year, 71 Hindi speaking persons were killed in acts of violence perpetrated by ULFA in January and May, 2007 and 28 persons were killed in various incidents between 8-12 August, 2007 by ULFA and Karbi Longri, N.C. Hills Liberation Front (KLNLF).

(c) and (d) The Central Government has been maintaining close and continuous coordination with the State Government and supplementing their efforts on a continuing basis with the Aim of putting in place effective measures to control the activities of the various militant groups. The steps taken in this regard, *inter alia*, include deployment of Central Security forces, including Army, to assist the State police, sharing of intelligence, provision of assistance to the State Government for strenthening and modernization of the local police, raising of India Reserve Battalions, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government, etc. The situation is being reviewed and monitored on a regular basis.

After the recent incidents in Karbi Anglong district, the Minister of State, Shri Sriprakash Jaiswal visited the State, including the site, along with a High Level team comprising the Special Secretary (Internal Security), and the Directors General of the CRPF and BSF for a detailed review of the situation with the State authorities. In the wake of these incidents the State Government and the Central Security Forces have intensified patrolling and counter insurgency operations in the area. Around 4000 persons living in isolated and remote areas have also been shifted to safer locations. With a view to strengthening the security arrangements in the area, apart from effective utilization of the Central Security Forces it has also been decided by the State Government to establish additional police stations and police outposts in the District.

Special action plan to trace missing children

†1747. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on an average 44 thousand children go missing every year in the country;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that out of these missing children about one-fourth of them are not traced;

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